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SUBJECT: INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN FIET AND RCIA CONVENTIONS

1. RCIA INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBER, DAVID WADE, HAS
APPROACHED LABOR ADVISOR FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
CONCERNING INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN FIET 2ND ASIAN
CONGRESS, TOKYO AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN RCIA'S INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION AT HONOLULU, JULY 25-29.

2. RCIA HAS INVITED, THROUGH THE ASIAN SECTION OF FIET,
TWO INDIAN TRADE UNION LEADERS, ONE FROM BANK WORKERS,
BHARGAVA, PRESIDENT, ALL-INDIA RESERVE BANK KARAMCHARI FED-
ERATION, NEW DELHI AND ANOTHER FROM COMMERCIAL WORKERS
UNION, J.S. COUTINHO, PRESIDENT, INDIAN NATIONAL
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COMMERCIAL AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES FEDERATION (BOTH FEDERA-
TIONS ARE FIET AFFILIATES).

3. RCIA HAS LEARNED THAT FOR REASONS OF ITS OWN, INTUC
WANTS TO SUBSTITUTE CHANDAR SAKHRAN , PRESIDENT, INDIAN
NATIONAL BANK EMPLOYEES CONGRESS (INBEC) (NOT FIET AFFILIATE)
IN PLACE OF COUTINHO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EVEN THOUGH RCIA IS ACTUALLY FUNDING
ASIAN TRADE UNIONISTS PARTICIPATION THROUGH FIET'S ASIAN

REGIONAL OFFICE, IT IS RELUCTANT TO BECOME DIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE INTERNAL INDIAN TRADE
UNION STRUGGLE, LARGELY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WISH CAUSE
POSSIBLE FUTURE PROBLEMS FOR COUTINHO. PLEASE INQUIRE
DISCREETLY INTO THIS MATTER AND ATTEMPT INFLUENCE INTUC
CEASE INTERFERENCE. RCIA WOULD NOT REFUSE RECEIVE
AND FINANCE BHARGAVA TRIP TO TOKYO AND HONOLULU;
HOWEVER, INTUC INSISTENCE ON HIS PARTICIPATION COULD
CONCEIVABLY JEOPARDIZE RCIA'S FUTURE RELATIONS AND
PROGRAMS IN INDIA - PARTICULARLY WITH INTUC.

4. RCIA HAS ADVISED ASIA FIET TOKYO CONCERNING PROBLEM

BUT, HAS LEFT RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM TO ITS ASIAN AFFILIATE.
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